| Sl. No. | Name of District | As on 01.07.2004 | As on 31.01.2006* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24. | Sheikpura | 426 | 434 |
| 25. | Jammui | 589 | 290 |
| 26. | Lakhisrai | 462 | 7093 |
| 27. | Muzaffarpur | 5338 | 2062 |
| 28. | Sitamarhi | 5510 | 4058 |
| 29. | East Champaran | 4847 | 4256 |
| 30. | Samastipur | 2129 | 2714 |
| 31. | Sasaram | 943 | 728 |
| 32. | Bhabua | 948 | 1169 |
| 33. | Supaul | 872 | 885 |
| 34. | Madhepura | 489 | 743 |
| 35. | Madhubani | 2637 | 5121 |
| 36. | Sheohar | 806 | 745 |
| 37. | Patna | 8762 | 1984 |
| 38. | Nalanda | 6780 | 1275 |
| | TOTAL: | 115687 | 94745 |

Source : Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
*Current Status

**Telecommunication facilities in remote areas of Himachal Pradesh**

†737. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to heavy snowfall in the winters, the tribal areas of Kinnaur, Lahaul-Spiti districts and Pangi and Bharmor divisions of Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh remain

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

cut-off from the rest of the world for six months and the telecommunication facilities also come to a standstill due to lack of sufficient staff; and

(b) if so, whether any special project or any specific scheme to strengthen the existing telecommunication systems would be considered for providing appropriate telecom service in those areas in winters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, it is a fact that due to heavy snow fall in winters, the tribal areas of Kinnaur, Lahaul-Spiti districts and Pangi and Bharmor divisions of Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh remain cut-off from the rest of the world for six months as regards road communication. However, telecommunication facilities do not come to stand still due to lack of sufficient staff. Due to closure of the roads however, movement of staff, diesel and spares is affected which sometimes delays restoration work in case of faults.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above. However, installation of new telecommunication systems/augmentation of existing systems are taken up as regular activity for further improvement of telecom facilities.

**Redressal of complaints of private telecom operators**

738. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism to study the complaints of private mobile operators;

(b) whether his Ministry have received complaints against private mobile operators; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, the Department of Telecommunications continuously monitors the issues/complaints of private mobile operators to ensure that they are settled at the earliest.